

News Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 30, 2011



Contacts:

Connie McGough
916-324-8112
Traci Rockefeller Cusack
916-213-4373

Calling All Artists... **State Indian Museum Presents the** **2nd Annual “Plein Air Day” on Saturday, May 14** *Artists & Visitors Alike Can Enjoy Free Open Air Painting* *In Historic Park-Like Setting*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- Hobby artists and painters from near and far are invited to attend a free “Plein Air Day” on Saturday, May 14, presented by the State Indian Museum and California State Parks. First offered in 2010, the special event will take place on the grounds of Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park (where the State Indian Museum is located) and is designed to provide interested participants an opportunity to join other artists in a hands-on community event that embraces nature and celebrates the beauty of the landscape, historic structures and park-like setting.

While there is no cost to participate in “Plein Air Day,” interested artists are encouraged to register early. Participating artists are encouraged to bring and use whatever painting or sketching materials they choose -- easels, sketch pads, oil paints, watercolors, charcoal, etc. -- to best capture the imagery. To register, interested artists are encouraged to call 916-324-0971 on or before Friday, May 6. The first 25 artists to register will receive a special gift courtesy of the State Indian Museum.

In addition, the community at large is invited to stroll through the outdoor grounds to watch and appreciate the experience as talented artists create their individual works of art amid the historic setting. In addition, the State Indian Museum will be open during “Plein Air Day” in case visitors are also interested in exploring what the historic site has to offer. Cost for entrance to the Museum is \$3 for adults (18 & older), \$2 for youths (ages 6 to 17) and free to children five and under.

About the California State Indian Museum

The California State Indian Museum is operated by California State Parks and supported by the California Indian Heritage Foundation. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for self-guided tours and school group visits, the museum is located in midtown Sacramento at 2618 K Street on the grounds of Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park. Current exhibits include traditional basketry, beadwork, ceremonial regalia and hunting & fishing items associated with many of the tribes of California, as well as contemporary artwork. For more details please call (916) 324-0971 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum.